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Some Lively West Virginia Towns.

(To the Editor of the Interior Journal.)

COOPER'S, W. VA., Nov. 17.—If you can listen awhile, I would like to whisper a few epistolary words to you and the many readers of the dear old Journal. From Conference at Chattanooga, I was sent out to the "West Virginia Hills," and since gazing upon them, I have often thought of the words of the old song of "The West Virginia Hills," and the impulse is upon me to write of this region. We are 2,000 feet above sea level and geographically speaking, we are not far from the top of Holston Conference. The Norfolk and Western railroad has its branch lines all through this section and is doing much toward developing the vast resources of this wonderful territory of mineral deposits. We are at "Mill Creek Junction." It is from this place that the road to Iron- ton, O., is being built. When that road is finished we will have direct routes to all points on the globe. While our eyes love to dwell upon the beautiful scenery and survey the grandeur of the hills, we find that beauty is not the only interesting part of them; but that they are filled with rich veins of coal. Each day hundreds of cars loaded with coal and coke go rolling by and on out into the world to feed the furnaces of many factories and industrial establishments of the world.

In a distance of one and a half miles along the road here there are three towns, Coopers, Bromwell and Simmons, all incorporated as the City of Bromwell. The city has three depots, three post-offices and seven churches and stores almost without number. The three have a population of over 4,000 and offer men of means good opportunities for profitable investments. These three places and Pocahontas are all furnished electric lights from a plant situated here. A few years ago this was a quiet mountain region, undisturbed by the hum of the busy world around it. Now it is filled with the noise of the locomotive, while coke ovens and mines are all around in the valleys and upon the hills. Each day 10 passenger trains pass this place, thus giving the traveling public way to come and go at will.

In this, Mercer county, there never has been a bar room and the good people seem to be determined that, that blot shall never be placed upon the fair name of their county. May they live to keep the monster forever out.

The inhabitants here are of many nationalities and scarcely can one be found who does not use some foreign word or accent, though he be a native American, thus giving another example of the familiar association with our fellow men producing assimilation of character and proving that we grow like that, that we are constantly with.

Three weeks ago Evangelist M. B. Williams, of Atlanta, Ga., erected his tent and opened a revival at Bromwell and in eight days there were about 400 conversions. In many respects it was the grandest meeting I ever saw. From the surrounding hills and hamlets the people came flocking in, and many who came to laugh remained to pray and were led to an acceptance of the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Bro. Williams held a meeting in Stanford in July, 1890, and doubtless many of your readers will remember him. He is doing a grand work in this region for with his tent he reaches a class who seldom darken a church door.

There are seven protestant denominations here, but the Methodists have far the largest following, for they sent their pioneer preachers here years ago and they bore the hardships and trials and privations long before the days of development began. And those old knights of the saddle bags and grey horses sowed the seed from which our present prosperity is but the partial harvest.

As I write this morning it is snowing and I know the hills will be beautiful, draped in a garment of white, and I am longing to see the bold and rugged landscape carpeted with snow and then watch the sun rise above the eastern hills and flood the world with his dazzling light.

In conclusion let me say that when you or any of your many readers wish for a change of location and want to get out into a live, business, mining region, where the shrill cry of the locomotive awakens the wild denizens of the forest, where dangers are plenty, times exciting and where amid all these surroundings you can find good and hospitable people, come over to Cooper's and we will take pleasure in showing you our town and do our best to entertain you.

Fraternally, BENJ. C. HORTON.

Why should laughter-loving people go to Brazil? Because they are Foncecas. The man who solves this will have a brick thrown at him.—Laurie Blakeley.

—The Scientific American says that raw onions pounded into a poultice and bound to the throat, is an infallible remedy for diphtheria.

—A whole family was asphyxiated at Anderson, Ind., by natural gas.

A Loud and Long Kick Against the Favor-ism of the City Council.

(To the Editor of the Interior Journal.)

May the Lord pity the tax payers, for the board of trustees of Stanford do not. This is the way it appears to a man up a tree. It has been asked by several taxpayers, citizens of the west end of town, what has the board done with taxes for several years past, and the high license from the saloons. The former is about \$1,800 and the latter \$2,000 per annum.

It would be well for the board of trustees to publish a statement so the people can see and read for themselves. It is self evident that no money has been expended in the west end of town, except for three or four street lamps, which burn until about 9 p. m.; a good portion of the dark nights two or three of these are out by 7 p. m., or not lit at all. A bored well with no water was made in Macksville; \$1,000 or more went to Macksville Logan Avenue; \$100 or more for a public well that benefited two trustees as much or more than the public. On the east end, corner Main street money has been spent for pavement and street improvement, half way to Rowland limits; \$1,200 or \$1,300 has been spent on the new pike leading from Stanford beyond Rowland and the trustees of Stanford have received as much or more private benefit than the public by virtue of the numerous salable lots placed on the market, yet the tax-payers are paying for these private benefits to individual citizens.

A committee appointed by the mayor contracted with the citizens, as well as Mr. J. B. Higgins, if they the citizens would grade Daugherty and Watts Avenues the town would have the mettle placed on these streets and that Dr. J. B. Owsley and J. G. Carpenter and Mr. W. M. Bright would build pavements the trustees would force the pavements to be made on Danville street. Two or more "called meetings" of the board were made. A majority of the citizens wanted pavements two years ago and do yet; but the board has kept no record of these contracts, and now turns a deaf ear to the wants and necessities of the public and tax payers in the west end of town, though the latter have been taxed for east end improvements and for the interests of private individuals.

All of the trustees except one live east of Lancaster street, in that part of town that has received the great financial benefits.

Messrs. Owsley, Bright and Carpenter have spent in the aggregate about \$500 or \$600 to comply with their part of the contract, while the trustees have done nothing in the west end of Stanford, they spent money freely in the east. These contracts were agreed upon with Messrs. Owsley, Bright and Carpenter two years or more ago. We, the tax-payers, are getting tired of being imposed upon and carrying the east end burdens. Now is time for money to be spent where it is most needed. Two or three trustees have said "the people on Danville st., 'dod gone 'em' let 'em walk through the mud. They have done so 50 or 100 years; let 'em keep it up; they deserve it." Beautiful language for public officials to use about their constituents.

As a matter of right and justice, Hustonville, Somerset, Danville and Lancaster streets and Logan Avenue are entitled to extra or more street lamps. Yet they are wanting; but on the new street and pike at the new bridge is a street lamp for the private benefit of one citizen and his family, and one or more trustees to view their lute after dark. It is now time for the trustees to pause and think, if they can not think and see. The tax-payers can and will look to their interests at the next town election.

Some of the trustees have been clamoring for water! water! "Water Works," and with all the noise and gas and "do nothing," Stanford has been dryer than for several years. Water is a good thing; yet there is not so much in it as some people think. While the trustees are exclaiming "Water, water, water!" they should remember there was a rich man in hades, in a hole calling "Water, water!" It would seem there are two Thomases, or a Thomas and a Gabriel on the board, and no sooner does Thomas decide and give to Gabriel than Gabriel rises and gives to Thomas, and to the disappointment and burden of the tax-payers.

The mud, rain and sash are now here; fall has come to stay, inviting winter with all its hardships and disasters. You trustees had all summer, spring and first half of fall to do your duty. You have broken your contract, been unfaithful to your word and the public.

—Mr. J. P. McDougald showed us a hog's foot yesterday on which there were six distinct toes. The hog was raised by Mr. S. H. Baughman, who perhaps never knew of the fresh, and was in a lot of meat sent by Mrs. Baughman to Mrs. McD.

—A Cincinnati judge has decided that dehorning cattle is cruelty to animals, and punishable under the statute on that subject.

CRAB ORCHARD.

—Rev. Amos Stout will preach at the Baptist church on Thanksgiving day at 11 A. M.

—Those indebted to the firm of Chadwick & Edmiston will please call and settle their accounts. We don't mean your neighbor, we mean you. Chadwick & Edmiston.

—Miss Maggie Cochran, of Paint Lick, who has been visiting Misses Magate Middleton and Annab McClure, has returned home. She is both beautiful and stylish. Misses Martha Holman, Eva Steger, Nannie and Bettie Edmiston are visiting Miss Maggie Tucker at her pleasant country home near Cedar Creek. Mr. Nelson, after several weeks sickness, is back at the depot checking baggage.

—Crab Orchard merchants sell merchandise cheaper than can be bought anywhere in the country and pay more for produce, and still we have two or three persons who boast of doing all of their trading in larger towns. If this town is too small for them, or they are too large for the town, we would advise them to go to Middlesboro or to Chicago and grow up with the towns, as they are not worthy of living in our quiet little village.

—The G. A. R. met here Friday and erected tomb stones to the following: J. F. Carson, Geo. Dollins, Theodore Egbert and Lieut. Abner F. Hoar. J. F. Carson belonged to the 3d Ky. Inf. Co. F., was a son of Judge J. E. Carson and was quite well known in this vicinity. Geo. Dollins was a son of James Dollins. Theodore Egbert was a son of Dr. Egbert and a brother to the late Judge A. M. Egbert. He belonged to the 10th Ky. Inf. Co. F. As a soldier, a braver never died the smoke of battle. His untimely death was lamented by all. Lieut. Abner F. Hoar came to this place sometime previous to the war from Lynchburg, Va. He was one of the kindest hearted men that ever lived, always first at the bedside of the sick and last at the grave. When our town was scourged with cholera in the year 1872 he stood bravely by the sick, which required more true courage than facing leaden balls. Long will he be remembered by the people of Crab Orchard.

FARM AND TRADE ITEMS.

—His Highness won \$107,000 for his owner this season.

—C. C. Withers sold to M. D. Elmore a lot of corn delivered at \$2.

—Dr. J. B. Owsley shipped 106 hogs to Cincinnati Saturday by J. E. Bruce.

—For Sale.—Two car-loads of nice Timothy hay, cheap. Robert McAllister, Stanford.

—Thomas Handy, of Wilmore, has bought about 600 barrels of corn at \$1.00 delivered.

—John W. Tanner bought of Thomas P. Wornall, 40 feeding cattle, weight 1,200 pounds, at \$3.00.—Paris News.

—J. R. Mount bought at Commissioner's sale, Monday, 120 acres of the Dowdley farm, south of this place at \$7.50.—LaGrange News Era.

—Nancy Lee, the dam of Nancy Hanks, is now owned in California. She is the property of W. S. Hobart, San Mateo. Her 1891 foal is a filly by Stamboul.

—The czar of Russia has issued his ukase against the exportation of wheat from that country and it has had the effect of sending wheat up a notch or two in this country.

—A. T. Nunnally bought of J. S. Owsley, Sr., a car-load of 1,300-pound cattle at 2.10. He also bought of Bryant Hobbs and Mrs. William Reichart a lot of hogs at 3 cents.

—The Lebanon Enterprise says that corn is being delivered to the distilleries at 40 cents a bushel, but will go higher, as already an offer for 10,000 bushels has been made at 45. A number of slop cattle changed hands at 25 to 35.

—Fanta broke the yearling record at Stockton, Cal., Saturday, by going a mile in 2:25.31 seconds faster than any previous time. There seems to be too much record breaking on that track and calls for its resurvey are being made.

—Silver King bred by Mr. J. E. Farvis, but now the property of W. N. Davis, of Calloway county, Mo., is winning golden opinions and all the premiums in his section. He is to be registered in the National Saddle Horse Breeders' Register.

—Rice & Cecil shipped a car load of horses and mules to Atlanta Thursday. The horse mules cost them \$80 to \$90 and the mare mules \$90 to \$100. J. H. Gentry sold to various parties five head of black Berkshire hogs at from \$10 to \$25.—Advocate.

—Newt, Green bought of N. P. & W. W. Gay 110 cattle averaging 1,505 lbs. at 4 and 44. Gambill & Salyer sold 40 cattle averaging 1,100 lbs. at 3.25. J. C. Scoobe sold to Allen Prewitt and J. D. Reid 300 barrels of corn in the field at \$2.—Mt. Sterling Sentinel.

—J. W. Bales shipped from Richmond in past 10 days to N. Lehman & Bro. 713 cattle for the London Christmas market. The prices paid were from \$5 to \$40 and the amount paid the farmers of Madison was \$76,212.33.—Register.

LANCASTER, GARRARD COUNTY.

—The Hop Club will give a German at the Spencer House, Thursday evening.

—The Thanksgiving sermon will be preached at the Baptist church by Rev. Booth at 10 A. M.

—Work has been commenced on the new liver stable next to Miller's Hotel and the proprietors think they will be ready for business by the 1st of January.

—Much interest is being manifested in the protracted meeting now in progress at the Baptist church. Rev. Booth, who is conducting the services is an eloquent speaker and commands the entire attention of the large audiences that go to hear him morning and night.

—There is some talk of the county trading the old work-house property on Stanford street to the town trustees for the old fire trap adjoining the court-house used for an engine-house. A splendid idea, for if the old building should burn, which is very likely, there would be very little hopes of saving the court-house.

—The examining trial of Estis and Graham, charged with burning residences, stretching barbed wire across turnpike, &c., in Lower Garrard, resulted in the defendants being held in the sum of \$500 each to await the action of the grand jury. A pretty strong case was brought out against them and much interest is being taken in it.

—John Riffe, of Hustonville, was here Sunday. A. J. Rice, Jr., of Boyle, was in town Saturday. Horace Herndon, who is attending Hogsett Academy at Danville, spent Sunday with his parents. John Kerby, who has been attending school in Louisville, returned home last week, having finished his course of study. Rev. J. R. Terry left Monday for Indiana to eat Thanksgiving turkey with the home folks. He will return Saturday. W. O. Dunlap, of Winchester, is here. Mrs. F. J. White has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Armstrong, of Dallas, Texas, Commonwealth's Attorney Herndon, is attending court at Russellville. Hon. Robert Harding, of Danville, was here last week assisting in the prosecution of the parties charged with stretching wires across the pike, &c., in Lower Garrard. Mr. Harding is an able lawyer and a polished gentleman and his Lancaster friends are always glad to see him. Walter Grinnan, of Hustonville, was here Sunday.

MATRIMONIAL MATTERS.

—Thomas Newman, who used to be clerk at Crab Orchard Springs, was married last week.

—Dr. Phil T. Dedman, of Harrodsburg, will wed Miss Sally Platte, of Kansas City, on the 29th.

—One of our excellent school teachers who takes a great interest in common schools will become a bride Thursday. The fortunate man is a widower and a mighty good judge of a woman.

—At the wedding of Miss Nettie Martin and Dr. L. A. Givens at Oynthiana, in the Methodist church, the cotton decorations representing a winter scene caught fire from a candle while the ceremony was being said. A panic ensued and several persons were hurt in the precipitate flight. The blaze was finally extinguished and the knot tightly tied.

—John Kaufman and Miss Minnie Worthington eloped Wednesday night from Casey and after many difficulties reached Jeffersonville and were married. A brother of the groom assisted and the three nearly froze to death getting to the depot, which was many miles away. The girl made her escape from the mansion of a cruel aunt by a ladder placed at the window by the lover.

—Mr. Samuel C. Lackey, formerly of this place, but now connected with a large wholesale house in Atlanta, will be married to-morrow to Miss Jennie Ella Welden, of Cuero, Texas. The invitations state that they will be at home after Dec. 1st. Mr. Lackey is a most worthy and exemplary young man and the friends of his earlier years are rejoiced over his prospective happiness.

—The Scientific American, in taking a look at the tin-plate matter, says that about 40 boxes of tin are turned out daily at the Philadelphia dipping factory, but that all the plates used for dipping are imported from England and as yet there is not a tin-plate manufactory in the United States.

—At Plymouth, N. H., Frank C. Almy, charged with the murder of Miss Christine Warden, was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged in December, 1892. It was a most cowardly and brutal crime, the evidence was direct and the trial was brief. Almy was an employed by the girl's father and killed her because she wouldn't marry him.

—Mr. Irby, the man who succeeds Wade Hampton in the United States Senate, says that Mr. Cleveland will be nominated for President by the National Democratic Convention and that he will have no warmer supporters than the Alliance farmers of South Carolina. Senator Irby is an Alliance man, but far from being a third party advocate.

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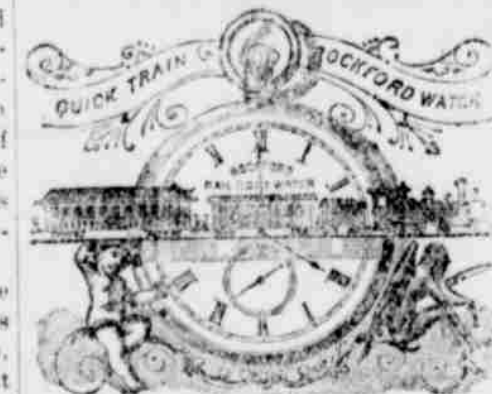
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